Supply of medicines for hospitals and dispensaries.

17. *Mr. N. V. Chacko: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that most of the hospitals and dispensaries belonging to the Government in the taluks of Parur, Kunnathnad, Muvattupuzha and Devicolam are not supplied with sufficient quantity of useful and necessary medicines;

(*b*) whether they are aware that most of the hospitals and dispensaries referred to in part (*a*) did not in the months of Chingom and Kanni 1113 possess medicines which are daily needed; and

(*c*) the causes for such a condition?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai (*Ag. Surgeon-General*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this does not arise.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether it is to be understood that the Government have no information about the actual condition of the hospitals referred to in the question?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: The Government are not aware that they were not supplied with necessary medicines.

Road Leading from the Kuriapalli road to Munambam.

18. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the road, leading from the Kuriapalli road to Munambam in Parur taluk;

(*b*) the number of passengers including school students that pass and repass that road daily;

(*c*) the number of culverts in the same and their present position and safety;

(*d*) whether that road is under water even in summer during high tide;

(*e*) whether they have received memorials from the inhabitants of Vatakkekara pakuthi in Parur taluk to raise the level of that road and for putting up culverts in the same; and

(*f*) when such memorials were received and what action has been taken by the Government in that matter?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) about 2¼ miles up to Munambam ferry.

(*b*) About 200 students and about 500 persons on market days.

(*c*) Six culverts. All these are now in sound condition to withstand pedestrian traffic.

(*d*) Yes.

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(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) In July 1937 and March 1938. The culverts have been repaired and an estimate for other improvements to the road is under preparation.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know, what is the width of that road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : It is a village road about 10 feet wide.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether it is a metalled road or an ordinary road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not think it is a metalled road.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the inhabitants of the Vadakkekara pakuthi has any other means of access other than this, to go to Munambam?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not know.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : It is stated in the answer that the road is under water even in summar during high tide. May I know how many feet of water will there be in such a situation?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Between 1 foot and 2 feet.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has on any occasion visited that road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know, what will be the expense necessary to raise the road so that it may not be under water even during high tide ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : It will cost about Rs. 11,500— But the people refused to surrender a portion of their lands for the construction of that road.

Jenmikaram settlement registers.

19. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have completed preparation of jenmikaram settlement registers in the whole State;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative what is the extent of the work to be finished and the reasons for the delay and the time required for completing the same;

(*c*) whether they have appointed a committee under the provisions of Section 46 of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Amendment Regulation for ascertaining the price of commodities after 1110, and if not, what is the reason for the delay and who is responsible for the same;

(*d*) whether the price of commodities has risen since the first committee submitted their reports ; and

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